

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – APRIL 26, 2018**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 4:30 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were: President Steve Goodson, Danny Bolin, Jody French, John Taylor, Tom Hauser and David Etienne. J.R. Flynn came in late. Stuart Cassidy, media representative from the Perry County News, was also present, along with James Tyler, County Council Attorney and Sheriff Alan Malone.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on March 22, 2018 had been mailed to Council members for their review. John made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Jody seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0 with Danny abstaining. The minutes of Special Meeting on April 5, 2018 had been mailed to Council members for their review. John made the motion to approve the minutes as presented and Danny made the second to the motion. Motion carried 6-0 with J.R. abstaining.

NEW POSITION REQUEST AND MOTION OF INTENT

Circuit Court Judge Lucy Goffinet came before the Council asking for a position to be full time and a motion of intent for an Additional Appropriation for benefits at their May meeting. She went on to say that in 2016, the Council asked if the opportunity came up, would she be willing to try a part time position. They said if it didn't work, they would take it back to full time. Lucy said now is the time to go to full time. The result is from doing their own drug testing; caseloads are up, and they are having a difficult time keeping up with the demands of the office. It would be paid half from County General and half from Supplemental Adult Probation (SAPS) fund. The money from SAPS comes from probation user fees. She also said she is transferring money in SAPS fund to help with the salary and the other half is already in County General part time position in Circuit Court budget which she is transferring also. The full time position will start on June 1, 2018. J.R. made the motion of intent for the AA, seconded by David. Motion carried 7-0.

INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION – PER CAPITA FEES

Lisa Gehlhausen from Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission presented the Council with information regarding the Per Capita Fees that the County pays annually. The fee is based on the population for each county in the region (Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry, Pike and Spencer). Lisa went on to say the State started with a per capita amount of \$35,000.00, then in 2007, the amount increased to \$56,509.65 with a rate of \$.45 and the six counties in the region matched this amount. Perry County's 2010 population is 19,338. Now in 2017, ten years later, the State increased the amount to \$70,323.12 with a per capita rate of \$.56. Lisa is asking the Council to consider increasing their amount to be funded from \$8702.10 to \$10,829.28 for the 2019 budget. Indiana 15 Region picked up the difference of \$13,813.47 from all six counties and they cannot continue doing this. She commented that in the year 2017, the total money brought in for all counties was \$8,562,554 to do projects. Perry County's amount was \$2,095,409 of that amount with the biggest portion for the Port Authority. She gave the Council reports to compare the years from 1998 to 2017 with the money and the projects. Lisa said she just wants the Council to keep this mind and she will be back at budget time to ask for the increase.

TAX ABATEMENT AND TIF PRESENTATION

Jason Semler, certified public accountant with Umbaugh and Associates, gave a presentation to the Council regarding tax abatements and Tax-Increment Financing (TIF) areas and how they may affect the County's budget. The County Council has been looking into other options for giving tax abatements that benefits the County and the company. Jason said tax abatements may slow the process of assessed value but there's other benefits the County may gain such as new employees from the company, income tax from higher wages, bring in new students to the local classrooms, new home

developments and other components that help drive the local economy. He also commented that modifying the percentages with the tax abatement is recommended highly to keep the tax base the same. This also does not increase circuit breaker amounts. The modified phase in percentages is only for Personal Property. Jason said this worked well with ATTC on their latest abatements. It provided a good common ground which the company benefited and the county maintained a steady revenue flow. This was done due to several factors. He informed the Council had they done the traditional phase in, starting with 100% and going down 10% each year, the county would have lost 6.5 million in assessed value in the first year. It would have taken 5 years to get a positive return on our tax base. Jason recommended to the county to do a score card when allowing tax abatement for things such as investments. He said you need to look at every one closely before making decisions. Jody commented that the studies done on these abatements were a good thing. In the future, the Council may want to have the company pay the fee to get the study done before allowing the abatement.

Danny left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Jason went on to explain Tax-Increment Financing (TIF). J.R. and Tom had some questions regarding TIF and whether or not to terminate an area. J.R. advocated that projects benefiting an entire community should come from a tax base paid by the entire community and not by a select county entity. J.R. says that the tax shift of the Courthouse TIF area has resulted in lost revenues to the Tell City Schools and the Public Library. He also commented saying that TIF's were for the intent of new business and building an area and not for remodeling the Courthouse and upgrading the Armory Annex. Tom disagreed with J.R. He said that the use of TIF dollars in the Courthouse area has worked to improve property values. This has a positive economic effect. He said that TIF is also in place for quality of life usages like maintaining infrastructure and buildings. This encourages growth. Jason did say that if TIF is not in place, that captured revenue is lost and that comes with a new tax levy that taxpayers would have to pay if something needs to be done. This is a long term outlook; you need to look at making an investment for the future. Overall Jason said you want your assessed value to increase to keep tax rates and circuit breaker losses low. You have to look at various circumstances before allowing tax abatements or TIF.

TRANSFERS

Lucy Goffinet, Circuit Court Judge, requested transfers of \$12,288 from Part Time Clerical to Probation Secretary within the Circuit Court Budget in County General and \$5,525.00 from Community Service Administrator to Probation Secretary within the Circuit Court Budget in the Supplemental Adult Probation Fund. J.R. made the motion to approve the requests, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 6-0

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-18-5

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION IN THE FOLLOWING NAMED BUDGET; NOW THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING MADE BUDGET:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND

\$ 12,288.00

**FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-232-1000.37
PART-TIME CLERICAL**

**TO: ACCOUNT #1000-232-1000.30
PROBATION SECRETARY**

\$12,288

WITHIN: CIRCUIT COURT BUDGET

SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION FUND

\$ 5,525.00

**FROM: ACCOUNT #2100-232-1000.19
COMMUNITY SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR
TO: ACCOUNT #2100-232-1000.30
PROBATION SECRETARY \$ 5,525
WITHIN: CIRCUIT COURT BUDGET**

ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

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STEVE GOODSON /S/
JODY FRENCH /S/
JOHN J TAYLOR /S/
DAVID A ETIENNE /S/
JAMES R FLYNN /S/
THOMAS J HAUSER /S/

ATTEST:

PAMELA L. GOFFINET /S/
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Judge Lucy Goffinet also submitted amendments to the salary ordinance for the Probation Secretary position in County General and Supplemental Adult Probation funds. This full time position will start on June 1, 2018 with a biweekly salary of \$980.00 with half from each fund. Jody made the motion to approve the amendments, second made by John. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Within the County General fund, Judge Lucy Goffinet requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Per Diem-Petit Jury. Jody made the motion to approved the request, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 6-0.

Perry County Clerk, Mandi Mogan, requested an additional appropriation for Rebinding Records in the amount of \$565.00 within the Clerk’s Record Perpetuation Fund. Jody made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

Greg Hendershot, Park and Recreation Director, requested \$15,000.00 within the Riverboat-County Share Fund for Pump Replacement. This is at Eagle’s Bluff which is a voting site. Jody made the motion to approve the request, second made by J.R. Motion carried 6-0.

Steve Hauser with Emergency Management requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$13,000.00 for Drone and Accessories within the LIT-Public Safety-County Share fund. This drone will be used in emergency situations by several departments. J.R. made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 6-0.

Assessor Mendy Lassaline requested \$15,000.00 for Cyclical Reassessment with in the Assessor Budget in the Reassessment-2015 fund. This money is to replace what

was transferred out for postage and envelopes of mailing out Form 11's that was mandated by the State. Jody made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by John. Motion carried 6-0.

Jason Hoch, County Prosecutor, requested an additional appropriation for Law Enforcement Donations in the amount of \$4,000.00 from the Pretrial Diversion fund. Jason explained that this money will help to build a new center in Tell City to take children in that are sexually abused instead of the Police Station. This will give them a safe environment. The money will go to the Southwest Child Advocacy organization. Jody made the motion to approve the request, seconded by David. Motion carried 6-0.

The Perry County Commissioners requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$11,000.00 within the CEDIT Distribution fund for an additional Restroom at the North Station. John made the motion to approve the additional, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 18-CC-5

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAN WAS APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE TAXING UNIT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED OUT OF THE FUNDS NAMED AND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED, SUBJECT TO LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME:

<u>COUNTY</u> <u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>PERRY CO CIRCUIT COURT</u>				
#1000-232-1000.36 PER DIEM – PETIT JURY	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	6	0
COUNTY GENERAL FUND TOTAL:	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		
<u>CLERK’S RECORD PERPETUATION FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY CO CLERK</u>				
#1119-001-3000.64 REBINDING RECORDS	\$ 565.00	\$ 565.00	6	0
CLERK’S RECORD PERPETUATION FUND TOTAL:	\$ 565.00	\$ 565.00		
<u>RIVERBOAT – COUNTY SHARE FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY CO PARKS AND RECREATION</u>				
#1191-803-4000.41 PUMP REPLACEMENT	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	6	0
RIVERBOAT – COUNTY SHARE FUND TOTAL:	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00		
<u>LIT PUBLIC SAFETY – COUNTY SHARE FUND</u>				
<u>PERRY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>				
#1170-361-4000.40 DRONE & ACCESSORIES	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	6	0
LIT PUBLIC SAFETY - COUNTY SHARE FUND TOTAL:	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00		

REASSESSMENT-2015 FUND

PERRY COUNTY ASSESSOR

#1188-008-3000.15

CYCLICAL REASSESSMENT \$ 15,000.00 \$ 15,000.00 6 0

REASSESSMENT-2015

FUND TOTAL: \$ 15,000.00 \$ 15,000.00

PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND

PERRY COUNTY PROSECUTOR

#2502-009-3000.91

LAW ENFORCEMENT DONATIONS \$ 4,000.00 \$ 4,000.00 6 0

PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND

FUND TOTAL: \$ 4,000.00 \$ 4,000.00

CEDIT DISTRIBUTION FUND

PERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#7312-068-4000.30

RESTROOM / NORTH STATION \$ 11,000.00 \$ 11,000.00 6 0

CEDIT DISTRIBUTION

FUND TOTAL: \$ 11,000.00 \$ 11,000.00

ADOPTED THIS 26TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Jody reminded the Council that the Perry County Development Corporation annual dinner meeting is on Monday, April 30, 2018 for anyone that can attend.

Auditor Pam Goffinet also informed the Council that she provided fliers for them of their annual State called County Council meeting in Shelbyville, In on Saturday, June, 20, 2018. If you plan to attend, please contact Teresa for paperwork.

There being no further business to come before the council, Jody made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0, with adjournment at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes approved this 24th day of May, 2018.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
Pamela L Goffinet, Perry County Auditor*